

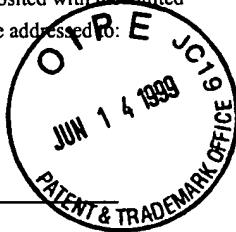
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In re application of:

MUHAMMAD CHISHTI et al.

Application No.: 08/947,080

Filed: October 8, 1997

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
INCREMENTALLY MOVING
TEETH

Examiner: WILSON, J.

Art Unit: 3732

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 1999, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 14, and claim 18. Please cancel claims 2, 8, and 19-44. Please add new claims 45-57. All pending claims are reproduced for convenient reference.

1 1. (Amended) A system for repositioning teeth from an initial tooth arrangement to a final tooth arrangement, said system comprising a plurality of dental incremental position adjustment appliances including:
2 a first appliance having a geometry selected to reposition the teeth from the
3 initial tooth arrangement to a first intermediate arrangement;
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Re: United States Patent Application No. 08/947,080
entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INCREMENTALLY
MOVING TEETH
Our File: 18563-000110

Dear Zia:

Enclosed are copies of (1) an Interview Summary resulting from my meeting with Examiner Wilson on June 8, 1999, and (2) an Amendment which I filed in view of the interview.

The interview went quite well. Examiner Wilson was willing to allow all claims so long as we limited the broadest claims to "polymeric shells" rather than simple "appliances." His position was that archwires in fact have different geometries since they are bent at different degrees of curvature to achieve different forces. I argued against that, but it became apparent that he wasn't willing (at least yet) to change his mind. The claims we now have are very broad and have eliminated the 2 mm limitation that was in all previously allowed claims.

Please call if you have questions. We should receive a Notice of Allowance in the next several weeks.

Very truly yours,

James M. Heslin
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Signed: *John Evangelista*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **AMENDMENT** in the above-identified application.

[] Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
[] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.
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